



city of  
**greenville**

# News Release

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE APPROVES REDISTRICTING PLAN

**(Greenville SC)** The new City of Greenville Voting District Map has been approved by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). The City's redistricting plan, which was submitted to the DOJ on July 9 pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, included adjustments to each of the four voting districts and preserved the two existing minority districts. The new City Council voting districts will be in effect for the 2013 municipal elections. Residents can visit the City's web site at <http://gis.greenvillesc.gov/CityCouncilDistricts/> and search their address to determine if the changes will affect them.

Prior to this, reapportionment of the City's four voting districts was last accomplished in 2003. When the results of the 2010 Census revealed a population shift within the city limits, and that the City's existing districts no longer met the guidelines of the Voting Rights Act, City Council passed a resolution in August 2011 authorizing the development of a redistricting plan that would comply with applicable law and be completed in time for the 2013 municipal elections. In March 2012, the City held a public meeting in each of the four City Council districts to receive citizen input on its efforts to redraw the boundary lines for the voting districts, and City Council held a public hearing on the proposed voting district map at its formal meeting on May 29. On June 11, City Council passed an ordinance adopting the new City of Greenville Voting District Map and authorizing submission of the map and statistical data to the DOJ.

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